



## Standards Decrease for UMW

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Eight years ago, Mary Washington College accepted 55 percent of the students who applied for admission to the school.

This year, the acceptance rate, which has been steadily rising since the year 2000, topped the 70 percent mark, raising questions about the school's possibly waning entrance standards, and its selectivity.

Over the same period, fewer of the students accepted by Mary Washington have been choosing to actually attend the school. Eight years ago it was 36 percent. This year: 28 percent.

The declining interest concerns UMW students, who say they're worried about their school's public image.

"Knowing that this is a top quality university, it concerns me that our reputation does not live up to our capabilities," junior Lauren Shaffer said.

The significant decline in selectivity could hurt UMW's ranking as a top university. At U.S. News & World Report, for instance—which puts out one of the leading guides to colleges and universities—selectivity accounts for 15 percent of a college's overall ranking. University officials acknowledge the current difficulties in recruiting.

"The admissions process nationally has become a more difficult game," said Roy Weinstock, vice president of planning, assessment and institutional research for UMW.

Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment and communications in the admissions office, says that the average UMW applicant applies to six other schools and is accepted by five of them.

Prospective students are flocking to JMU, UVA, Virginia Tech—and even Christopher Newport—for better scholarships, athletics programs and academic offerings.

"It is a very very competitive marketplace for the top students," Wilder says.

The admissions office discussed the falling numbers at the department chairs meeting in August, where Wilder said the reasons for declining admission ranged from superior financial packages and scholarships at other schools, to the opportunity to participate in Honors and Leadership programs offered by

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## 26K Brave the Rain for Obama

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Despite intermittent rain, a crowd of 26,000 people came to campus Saturday to hear speeches by Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and his vice-presidential pick Joe Biden. The rally came one day after the first presidential debate between Obama and Republican candidate John McCain.

According to Rick Hurley, vice president for administration and finance, the crowd far exceeded expectations held by the University.

"Someone from the Obama campaign originally told us that we might see 20,000 people and I thought that was unrealistic," he said.

Instead, over half the crowd was turned away. For the 12,000 who gained entrance to the event, the culmination of waiting in line for up to 12 hours and enduring the afternoon's temperamental weather came at 7 p.m., when Obama and Biden took the stage in Ball Circle.

In his introduction to Obama, Biden focused on Republican presidential candidate John McCain's judgment, calling it "dangerously wrong" and criticizing the senator from Arizona for his "out-of-touch philosophy."

Obama, who some chided as being too deferential in Friday's debate, attacked McCain for ignoring the middle class and supporting the Bush administration on issues such as the Iraq War and the deregulation of businesses and financial institutions.

"The truth is, through 90 minutes of debate, John McCain had a lot to say about me, but he had nothing to say about you," Obama said to resounding cheers. "On issue after issue, from taxes to health care, to the war in Iraq, you heard him make the case for more policies like the ones that got us into this mess."

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## Obama T-Shirt Recalled

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University of Mary Washington officials ordered an abrupt end to sales of a commemorative Obama-Biden t-shirt Friday after complaints that the shirts, printed by the University Bookstore, showed a political bias in favor of the Democratic candidates.

The Bookstore was set to print 2,000 of the shirts, which carried the UMW logo on front, and the imprint, "Obama was there, Biden was there, I was there" on the back. They sold 150 before officials stopped the sales.

Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate, and his running mate, Joe Biden, appeared at a rally on the UMW campus Saturday night.

School officials asked Virginia's attorney general, Republican Bob McDonnell, to weigh in on the controversy, and on Friday he recommended that the school not allow sales of the shirts. In a memo to school administrators, McDonnell said that printing and sales of the t-shirts by UMW was "bordering on electioneering."

McDonnell said in the memo that inclusion of the UMW logo might give the impression that the university endorsed the Democratic candidates.

UMW officials said they didn't intend to give that impression.

"My personal opinion is that the shirts were designed to celebrate an event at the University, but I understand now how they were perceived by others as endorsing a particular political party," said Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to UMW president Judy Hampe.

Corbin said she was involved in the decision to halt sales at the Bookstore.

According to Erma Baker, assistant vice president for business services, school officials will discuss what to do with the remaining shirts later in the week.

Political science and international affairs assistant professor Rosalyn Cooperman said she didn't think the t-shirts showed a university bias in favor of the Democrats. She also said she believes that the Bookstore would have done something similar had Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin come to

## E. Nest Deck to Return

By CHELSEA NEWNAM  
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Associate Vice President of Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth said plans for the new deck at the Eagle's Nest are still underway, though the process has met some unexpected delays.

UMW had to delay the project for several months while waiting for approval from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. The school applied for the permits in January, but just received DCR approval for the project two weeks ago.

School officials expect construction of the new deck to begin within three to four months of receiving and accept-

ing a bid from an architectural firm. Bids opened this week.

Construction will take approximately four months, and Facilities Services hopes to have the deck finished by spring break.

Based on the needs of the architects and engineers, the cost of the new deck will be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. However, Associate Vice President for Business and Services Rick Pearce says that pending budget cuts ordered by the state could affect the project.

"A final budget reduction plan has not been approved yet so it is not possible to say the deck project will not be affected," Pearce said. "That said, I know the deck is a high priority

for the president and others, so every attempt will be made to proceed with the project."

The deck outside the Nest has been closed since August of 2007, due to the structure's violation of the state building code. Officials had to close the deck after a state inspector determined that it was originally built under residential, not commercial requirements, without the proper supports for the amount of weight it held.

The plan for the new deck remedies this problem by sporting larger columns, joists, and beams. It also features an emergency exit staircase off the front just to the left of the existing freezer.

The DCR required plans for storm water management and erosion control improvements, so the plans for the deck had to be drafted several times. The deck is inside a Resource Protection Area, and state regulations require that the new deck be able to reduce runoff by 10 percent more than the old one.

"If you look at the location and topography of the site, the challenge should be evident," Wiltenmuth said.

Wiltenmuth compares waiting on DCR approval to turning in the draft of a paper: the professor can tell students when the paper's due, but they can't decide when to get the grade back.

There are many new features of the

deck that render it an upgrade in style as well as safety. Though the square footage is the same as the old model, the new deck will hold roughly 152 people and connect to the Campus Walk arcade between the Woodard Campus Center and the library as well as the back room of the Nest. It will sport a full roof overhang fully equipped with ceiling fans and outdoor lighting.

"It's going to be a great addition. It's beautiful," said John Dering, general manager for Dining Services. Dering has seen the renovation plans and is excited about the changes being made.

Though sales and student attendance at the Nest were not affected by the deck's closing, Dining Services recognized student desire to have the option of a place to eat outside. This prompted the purchase of the furniture in the Woodard Center Plaza. According to Dering, this eating area has been such a hit that it will remain even after the deck is fully constructed.

Even after a year and the attempt at compensation with the plaza tables, students still miss the seclusion of the deck.

"It makes me sad. It was one of the cool little niches on campus," said senior Julia Thalen. "It made a great observation area without being in the middle of the action."



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## Weekend Weather

From Weather.com



Friday

Sunny

High: 75  
Low: 50



Saturday

Sunny

High: 75  
Low: 53



Sunday

Sunny

High: 76  
Low: 54

## Weekly Events

### SHH 3 vs. 3 Soccer Tournament

Thursday  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Intramural Field  
(behind parking deck)  
Free!  
Sponsored by Students Helping Hon-duras

### "Elegies, a song cycle" by William Finn

Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Klein Theatre  
Presented by UMW Theatre

### Cheap Seats



Friday-Sunday  
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
WALL-E and Hancock  
Dodd Auditorium  
Brought to you by UMW Cheap Seats

### S(ch)tuff for Schools Yard Sale

Sunday  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Ball Circle  
Sponsored by Invisible Children

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact *The Bulletin* at [newsxcrew@gmail.com](mailto:newsxcrew@gmail.com). Send a flyer image if possible.

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# Local Wants NOW at MW

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"I'm not a feminist," is the response that Diana Egozcue frequently receives when she asks young women to state their views on feminism.

This type of reaction reveals the current generation's desire to distance itself from previous generations' feminism. It is also the reason that Egozcue, president of the Fredericksburg chapter of the National Organization for Women, wants to start a UMW branch of the 42-year-old feminist advocacy group whose mission is to eliminate sexism and gender discrimination.

The school's policy states that student invitation is required in order to form a student interest group, according to Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick. Egozcue therefore cannot initiate a UMW branch of her own accord.

"It has been very hard getting on the campus. We've been told that the students have to ask us to come," Egozcue said, adding, "I would love to talk about equal rights on campus."

Sophomore Melissa Patterson thinks that a UMW partnership with an organization such as NOW would be an asset for the students. Currently enrolled in a Women's Studies course, she supports overall expanded understanding of women's rights issues.

So far, though, no one at UMW has taken up the cause. Egozcue

found in surveys of young women that while most support movement toward equal pay between the sexes, few are willing to label themselves as feminists.

"Feminism has definitely become a dirty word," Patterson said.

One current focus of the Fredericksburg chapter of NOW is getting the Equal Rights Amendment passed in Virginia. This legislation, which failed to pass in Congress in 1982, states that legal rights cannot be denied on the basis of sex.

"As far as starting a chapter [on campus], I know students have separate issues, but we'd love to learn about them," Egozcue said.

Still, Egozcue considers this generational difference of opinion on the goals of feminism is a major obstacle for the movement.

"We want young women to pick up the gauntlet, and young women just don't seem to be coming forward. It's sometimes disheartening. They say, 'You're older—those aren't our issues anymore,'" said Egozcue.

Patterson concurs that the goals and merits of feminism have changed over the years. Equal representation in education is no longer a struggle, as females are out-numbering males in higher education. Other women's rights debates still continue, however.

"Equal pay and reproductive rights have made depressingly little progress," Patterson said.

Whether these debates will fuel a student movement toward joining forces with the members of NOW, however, remains to be seen.

## Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY  
Assistant News Editor

### Regional

Gov. Tim Kaine and U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters announced on Sept. 30 that the federal government will help to fund a railway project already underway south of Fredericksburg. The project is aimed at help faster Amtrak passenger trains to pass slower ones between Washington and Richmond by providing an additional three-mile third track. This will be the only place between Alexandria and Richmond that trains are able to do so. The government will contribute \$2 million of the necessary \$13 million for the project, which will be completed by mid-2009. Peters said this alternative will help provide "a viable alternative to what seems like an always-clogged I-95 corridor." (*The Free Lance-Star*, Oct. 1; [www.fredericksburg.com](http://www.fredericksburg.com))

### National

On Sept. 30, Leaders of the Senate said that they would advance modest changes to the proposed \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan in the hopes of winning over House of Representatives Republican holdouts and obtaining congressional approval of the bill. The Senate, where most members indicate support for the bill, intended to vote last night on a revised revenue package that would include a one-year increase in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation caps for bank and credit accounts, as well as extensions of numerous business tax breaks that have expired and a fix to the alternative minimum tax for individual taxpayers. However, this move could prove to be unappealing to the coalition of conservative House Democrats, who have long opposed the changes. (*The Washington Post*, Oct. 1; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

### Global

In Jodhpur City, India on Sept. 30, false rumors of a bomb in a large crowd caused a stampede that trampled at least 168 people to death and injured more than 425. Over 12,000 people had gathered at dawn in the Chamunda Devi temple to celebrate Navratri, a nine-day Hindu festival, and the floor had become slippery when devotees in a male-only line broke hundreds of coconuts for offerings. According to G.C. Kataria, home minister of Rajasthan state, someone in the crowd slipped, and people kept falling afterwards. This is the third such tragedy in India in the past three months. (*The Washington Post*, Oct. 1; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

# Pro-Choicers Establish Club

By KAT SAUNDERS  
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UMW freshman Anna Halbrook-Fulks believes many fellow students are misinformed about Planned Parenthood and women's reproductive rights.

"The pro-choice movement is about so much more than abortion," she said. "I think a lot of people are unaware of what Planned Parenthood really is."

In order to better educate students about the pro-choice movement and reproductive rights, Halbrook-Fulks and

five other students recently organized a chapter of VOX, a college group affiliated with Planned Parenthood, a national organization that provides women's health services, including abortion. VOX aims at educating young voters about reproductive rights issues and sexual health.

Member Cara MacDonald, sophomore, said the club has many plans for the school.

"There's a lot VOX can do for our campus. In a school populated by mostly women, we deserve better

women's health resources," she said. "We deserve affordable birth control, better STD testing, and more flexible hours at the health center. VOX will work toward achieving all of these things and more."

The club's affiliation with Planned Parenthood has caused controversy at other universities. VOX receives information and resources from Planned Parenthood, but Halbrook-Fulks said they will not receive funding.

Planned Parenthood is the leading provider of abortions in the United States. According to Lauren Bull, director of organizing and advocacy for the program in Northern Va., there are no abortion providers in the Fredericksburg area.

Life and Liberty Ministries, a pro-life group, visited the UMW campus last spring, displaying graphic posters they claimed were of abortions. The protest and student counter protests lasted several hours. During the 2007 school year, anti-birth control posters distributed around campus also spurred complaints and debates about birth control and abortion.

Melissa Evish, vice president of Students for Life, a pro-life club on campus, says she does not agree with the club's affiliation with Planned Parenthood.

"Our club stands for the right to life for every human being, including the unborn child," she said. "They have the right to form the club, but that doesn't mean we agree with them."

Halbrook-Fulks said she has not encountered any controversy about the club when discussing it with other students or with the University's administration.

However, Bull and Halbrook-Fulks emphasize that Planned Parenthood's main purpose is education and family planning, not providing abortions.

"Planned Parenthood and VOX's first priority is prevention through education and access to resources," Halbrook-Fulks said.

According to Planned Par-

enthood, approximately 3 percent of the services it provided in 2006 were abortions.

"We're the ones fighting for access and women's health care," Bull said in an interview with UMW students. "It's important that groups like you exist."

Halbrook-Fulks, who became active in feminism and women's rights during high school, visited a VOX workshop at the College of William and Mary on Sept. 13 and contacted Planned Parenthood in Richmond about starting a UMW chapter. Chapters exist at 10 other Virginia universities, including UVA and William & Mary.

One of the club's first planned events will be a "reverse Trick or Treat" where sexual health information, and possibly condoms, will be distributed to freshman dorms on Halloween. Halbrook-Fulks said VOX is targeting freshman dorms because many high schools in Virginia provide abstinence-only education programs.

"It's important to be aware that young people do have sex. We should teach them how to do that responsibly. We can't just be totally out of touch with reality," she said.

The club will also have an event where they sell emergency contraception, a form of birth control taken after a at a discounted price of twenty dollars. Emergency contraception is available over the counter and at the UMW Women's Health Clinic. The drug is controversial due to misconception that it is a form of abortion.

VOX will focus on tabling and educating students about legislative in Virginia pertaining to reproductive issues. According to Halbrook-Fulks, the club will participate in lobbying at the Virginia Senate in January or February. Halbrook-Fulks said that college students should be particularly concerned with current Virginia laws and legislation that have increased the costs of birth control on college campuses and restricted access to abortions.

"I think we're preparing ourselves to go out in the world and become leaders and I think it's important for us to be aware of these issues," she said.

She wants VOX to make students more aware of these laws, as well as change misconceptions about sexual health and morality.

"I think it's embarrassing that insurance companies will cover Viagra but they won't cover birth control," she said.



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# Viewpoints

## Saturday's Rally Is a Victory for UMW

Last Saturday's rally for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and his running mate Joe Biden was more than just recitation of stale political rhetoric. While Obama and Biden's speeches were laden with stale references to the middle class and change, the event itself may have actually had a positive impact on the University.

The ability of a school like UMW to secure an event of the magnitude of Saturday's rally says a lot about the dedication of the members of the Mary Washington community.

Regardless of politics, it shows that we can pull together to make something incredible happen.

Mary Wash successfully pro-

Of course it was stressful to be around that many people.

If these are the kinds of things that bother you, stay home and flip on the TV next time, you won't miss much.

Individual comfort isn't really the point of an event like Saturday's.

The point is to bring people together behind a single cause, to gain a good reputation for our school and to

witness the political process as it happens.

If you're afraid of mud, or porta-potties offend you, don't bother showing up next time.

For those who did show up and stayed the whole time, the event itself was remarkable.

The candidates enthralled an enormous crowd, even through a driving rain-storm.

Obama and Biden themselves stood in the rain delivering their speeches at the same level of discomfort as

the throngs of people gathered in Ball Circle or behind the toilets lining Campus Walk.

The simple fact is that the rally was a huge success and gained some much-needed good press for UMW.

It also proved that our lowly state institution can and will achieve great things.

It means more to the institution that the rally was a success than it does to anyone who attended, including the candidates.

## Staff Editorial

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## Board of Visitors is Not Democratic

BY LAUREN ORSINI  
Guest Columnist

Three members of the UMW Board of Visitors attended the spring Scholarship Luncheon. I was there as a scholarship recipient. To me they seemed friendly, smiled, gave lovely speeches, and didn't have horns or glowing red eyes. However, no matter how nice the members seem to be, the board on which they sit should be abolished.

First of all, the Board has too much power. According to the Code of Virginia, section 2.2, the Board is in charge of every significant aspect of the university: degrees, the curriculum and changes in courses, the honor system, all rules and regulations, student admission, sale and purchase of real estate, and appointing and dismissing the president of the school.

With power like this, we assume there are many checks. However, there is only one check to their power: the Virginia governor. He is the only person who is allowed to appoint or remove board members. And there is little motivation for the governor to impeach a member, even if that member has been doing something unethical. This is because the governor himself appointed them, and impeaching them would be admitting he was wrong in his appointment, making him look bad.

Furthermore, the Board doesn't have students' best interests in mind. According to *Richmond Today Magazine*, at least five current BOV members previously served on the BOV of other schools. They may not even have allegiance to UMW; to them, working on the BOV of any given school is just another position.

One historical example of how the BOV has not helped us occurred in 1929. Members of the Fredericksburg community made a motion to have male students attend the college, and to set up a dormitory for them to live in. This could have benefited male students who needed to tend to family business in Fredericksburg and could only attend a nearby college. However, the Board could not reach a consensus making this possible.

If you know your UMW history, you know that male students were not allowed to attend UMW until the 1946 when a large number of young men with GI Bills needed a place to attend college. And this only happened because the Virginia government was able to circumvent the BOV and put this into law.

Another time in UMW history that the Board has held us back was in the 1960's.

Partly because of dissent among the BOV, UMW

was one of the last schools in the state to enroll African American students. Our University did not have African American graduate until 1968, 14 years after William and Mary and 18 years after the University of Virginia did.

Since the BOV is entirely in charge of admissions and enrollment, they are at least mostly to blame.

Also, since the board is in charge of the curriculum and holidays, they are the principal reason that MLK day was not recognized as a holiday until this year at UMW. UMW wants to be thought of as a progressive, forward thinking school, but change is slow with a powerful, hardly checked BOV in charge.

Also, with the help of President Anderson, the BOV was responsible for changing our institution's name from Mary Washington

College to the University of Mary Washington, despite enormous student and faculty opposition. Since then, the school has spent thousands of dollars of our tuition money to eliminate any sign of our previous name by erecting new signs, markers, and banners.

Since then, at least partially as a result of the name change, our school's selectivity is down. According to the Office of Admissions, eight years ago, only 56 percent of applicants were selected to come to school here.

Now, we invite 71 percent of applicants to come, and only 28 percent of

them do. Thanks in part to an unpopular decision by the BOV, our school's reputation has been significantly diminished. The BOV is not helpful, but we do have another option.

I propose to set up a UMW based coalition to establish a true representative democracy on our campus. Students, faculty, and administration could elect representatives for themselves, the way we already do with student elections.

Then these representatives could consider the issues at UMW and report to the governor what needs to be done. Everyone on campus could have someone close by they could talk to to make their issues known. They could have public meetings that could operate like town hall forums.

A UMW based coalition would eliminate the need for the Board of Visitors and set up a representative democracy that could stay far more in touch with our campus than the BOV ever has.

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# Viewpoints

## Food a Tasty Sexual Aid

In the middle school cafeteria, my friend Kevin used to lick the pudding out of the cup rather than use a spoon.

This made my adolescent girlfriends laugh awkwardly. I sat there scratching my head with absolutely no inclination that his actions were anything similar to oral sex. It also confused me when guys would watch me attentively as I took a big bite out of my daily banana.

Only later in life did I come to the realization that the banana can be seen as a phallic symbol. Food and sensuality have a strong connection, not only with the physical gestures of eating but the chemical reactions certain foods can create for people who want to get horny fast.

Aphrodisiacs don't just have to be in the form of chemically enhanced substances, however. For instance I have a lot of girlfriends who live by the power of chocolate. Boys, listen up. It has magical powers on us females. Chocolate, particularly dark chocolate, tricks our brains into believing that we are receiving some sort of sexual pleasure, I kid not. Forest Gump had the right idea about the box of chocolates, only for you guys you know what you could get in the end.

Along with phallic-shaped foods like carrots or popples or bananas that supposedly do the trick for women, there are also vagina-shaped foods that get a guy going. The classic food that has been used since ancient Roman times is the oyster, which not only is shaped like a woman's hoo-hoo but, along with pinenuts, contains a ton of zinc. Zinc helps to make semen. Men like to get rid of their semen. You do the math.

If I still haven't convinced you ladies that these slimy little suckers are golden, then just look at their chemical makeup. Raw oysters are full of D-aspartic acid and N-methyl-D-aspartate, both of which increase the level of testosterone in the male body. However, if shellfish aren't your thing, there

is also the "natural Viagra." Yohimbe, tribulus and maca are traditional herbs that help to stiffen most guys' Johnsons.

However there is a backlash. Too much yohimbe can kill you, not to mention all of these herbs are kind of hard to find. But if you aren't afraid of death, really want a boner and are willing to do some searching, then I say go for it. But if you really want to go for the bizarre you could always try some nice rhino horn or Spanish fly in your coffee.

If these things are a bit too exotic for your tastes there are a ton of different foods that are not only delicious but stimulating. Asparagus, pineapple, basil, sweet potato, cayenne, celery, and squash are just a few fun foods you can try

out to see what is your best bet for sexual stimulation.

There is also, of course, the fun-filled activity of implementing food into your sex life. Whipped cream or chocolate syrup can be found in the supermarket with little embarrassment. Even edible panties, special sex foods, and tasty powders can be picked up at sex shops and used to your own avail.

So why not go out there and combine two of the world's greatest gifts; food and sex? Try out different meals or tastes to see what gets you and your significant other a bit more aroused than usual. This is not to say, however, that any of these foods are the basic components of love potion no. 9. They have to actually like you.

Whatever the tasty sensation, it could be a fun way to bond with your significant other, or a way to experiment in your own sexual interests with another person. However be forewarned that there are also potential anti-aphrodisiacs out there as well such as cherries and tofu.

Please check with your local grocer before investing in any uncertain foods and never cook anything while someone is in it. The last thing you need is to accidentally slip into cannibalism from a miscalculated sensual cooking experiment.

*Sexclamations*  
By KJ Adler,  
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## VP No Laughing Matter

I never thought I'd say this, but after yawning my way through last Friday's presidential debate, thank goodness for Sarah Palin.

With campaigns that started in 2006, the presidential race had begun to dwindle into predictability by August 2008. Gone with Hillary and Huckabee went the petty personal attacks, and the final two candidates resorted to discussing, dare I say it, the issues.

Then the Alaskan wind blew in Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, a tabloid-friendly gust of fundamentalist fresh air. Palin's nomination brought us all back to the heart of politics—teen pregnancy scandals and hacked e-mail accounts. The campaign became entertaining again.

The runner-up for Miss Alaska had been state governor for 18 months when she received the nomination, and has since made many appearances in US Weekly and on perezhilton.com. What was that argument from the McCain camp about Obama being "inexperienced" and a "celebrity figure?"

Palin is a caricature; the hair, the glasses, the moose-hunting, and most importantly, the accent.

Besides naturally looking almost identical to Palin, Tina Fey has the rest of her work already done for her on "Saturday Night Live." Fey's impersonation of Palin involves little parody. Many of Palin's gestures and comments are hilarious enough without exaggeration.

Last week's episode of "SNL" opened with a sketch mocking Palin's heavily criticized interview with Katie Couric. Unlike the parody of the first presidential debate which appeared later in the episode, the Palin sketch contained

direct quotes from the actual CBS interview. The lackluster debate parody had much less content to draw from and resorted to absurd and cheesy humor.

It seems that John McCain is too honorable and Barack Obama is too ardent to be effectively mocked. Palin, on the other hand, with her pit-bull analogies, is fair game.

It was Palin's disastrous interview with Katie Couric that caused not only an "SNL" parody, but worry from liberal and conservative bloggers alike about her preparedness.

As I upload an e-mail with the 17th Photoshopped image of Palin in a bikini, I have begun to assess the likelihood of this hockey mom becoming Commander-in-Chief.

I can't help but think of George W. Bush in 2000. If we'd only known what the lovable moron portrayed by Will Ferrell on SNL was capable of, perhaps the country wouldn't be in half the mess it is today.

As fun as it is to watch and mock Sarah Palin on TV, one must not forget the dangers that come with incompetence.

Palin is no John McCain, no Dick Cheney, and certainly no Hillary Clinton.

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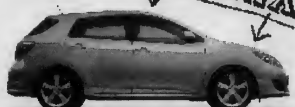


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For insight into Dylan's recording process, the compilation throws two very different versions of the unreleased "Mississippi" onto the discs—fitting enough—the first version acoustic, the second electric. And with a bluesy twang that doesn't overpower the ear, the free-to-hear "Tell Tale Signs" is positively the perfect

soundtrack for studying and squelching those subterranean midwestern blues.



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## Obama-Biden Rally: Top 5 Reasons it Sucked

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### 3. You couldn't see

If you weren't one of the first 5,000 to be let in the piggies in the center of Ball Circle, you were doomed to stand around in the mud and stare at the back of the Port-a-johns, strategically placed where they would obstruct the views of absolutely everyone.

### 4. Not even staying to hear Obama.

Because at that point, I was soaked to the bone and I'd stared at enough Port-a-john, thank you, I watched the debate the previous night, and I heard what I wanted to hear out of this man. So now my rationale is this: nothing he's going to say at the University of Mary Washington is going to be half as important, and it's all going to be scripted anyway.

If he gets elected, then I can't wait to hear everything he has to say. If he doesn't, then standing here in the rain will have been for a lost cause. Come to think if it, it was anyway. So I left!

### 5. I went to a bar instead.

All I had to do was crawl back into the warm, loving arms of my favorite local dive and I felt like a million bucks. Once I was slightly drier with frothy beverage in hand why I was even feeling good enough to talk about "politics." As for speeches from talking heads in the pouring rain, I'll leave those to the political junkies. May you never go clean.

Now that I've reviewed my experience, I think I've decided. It sucked. If the guy said anything monumental or unforgettable that I missed... keep it to yourself.

The days leading up to last Saturday were full of excitement and political fervor for some, anticipating the live presence of Senator Barack Obama on UMW's campus. I have a personal aversion to politics, politicians and people who get really worked up over politics and politicians.

It is by no means apathy; it is a fierce antipathy. However, even I was excited about the prospect of seeing and hearing Obama in the flesh. Turns out, it was not exciting, and may have in fact sucked. Maybe you can help me decide.

### 1. The rain.

I parked on some street a few blocks away from Sunken Road, and almost on cue as I got out of my car around 5 p.m., it begins to drizzle. Then it starts to pour, and before I even make it to campus I am completely soaked.

And it doesn't stop. "But this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," I tell myself, "It'll be so worth it."

### 2. The mud.

With a lot of rain and thousands of people mulling about hopelessly trying to find a place where you could actually see anything, campus was promptly desecrated.

Which I'm not against the idea of, but not while I'm in the middle of it. My shoes are ruined.

# Viewpoints

## Food a Tasty Sexual Aid

In the middle school cafeteria, my friend Kevin used to lick the pudding out of the cup rather than use a spoon.

This made my adolescent girlfriends laugh awkwardly. I sat there scratching my head with absolutely no inclination that his actions were anything similar to oral sex. It also confused me when guys would watch me attentively as I took a big bite out of my daily banana. Only later in life did I come to the realization that the banana can be seen as a phallic symbol.

Food and sensuality have a strong connection, not only with the physical gestures of eating but the chemical reactions certain foods can create for people who want to get horny fast.

Aphrodisiacs don't just have to be in the form of chemically enhanced substances, however. For instance I have a lot of girlfriends who live by the power of chocolate. Boys, listen up. It has magical powers on us females. Chocolate, particularly dark chocolate, tricks our brains into believing that we are receiving some sort of sexual pleasure. I kid not. Forest Gump had the right idea about the box of chocolates, only for you guys you know what you could get in the end.

Along with phallic-shaped foods like carrots or popovers or bananas that supposedly do the trick for women, there are also vagina-shaped foods that get a guy going. The classic food that has been used since ancient Roman times is the oyster, which not only is shaped like a woman's hoo-hoo but, along with penicillin, contains a ton of zinc. Zinc helps to make semen. Men like to get rid of their semen. You do the math.

If I still haven't convinced you ladies that these slimy little suckers are golden, then just look at their chemical makeup. Raw oysters are full of D-aspartic acid and N-methyl-D-aspartate, both of which increase the level of testosterone in the male body. However, if shellfish aren't your thing, there

is also the "natural Viagra." Yohimbe, tribulus and maca are traditional herbs that help to stiffen most guys' Johnsons.

However there is a backlash. Too much yohimbe can kill you, not to mention all of these herbs are kind of hard to find. But if you aren't afraid of death, really want a boner and are willing to do some searching, then I say go for it. But if you really want to go for the bizarre you could always try some nice rhino horn or Spanish fly in your coffee.

If these things are a bit too exotic for your tastes there are a ton of different foods that are not only delicious but stimulating. Asparagus, pineapple, basil, sweet potato, cayenne, celery, and squash are just a few fun foods you can try

out to see what is your sex best for sexual stimulation.

There is also, of course, the fun-filled activity of implementing food into your sex life. Whipped cream or chocolate syrup can be found in the supermarket with little embarrassment. Even edible parties, special sex foods, and tasty powders can be picked up at sex shops and used to your own avail.

So why not go out there and combine two of the world's greatest gifts: food and sex? Try out different meals or tastes to see what gets you and your significant other a bit more aroused than usual. This is not to say, however, that any of these foods are the basic components of love potion no. 9. They have to actually like you.

Whatever the tasty sensation, it could be a fun way to bond with your significant other, or a way to experiment in your own sexual interests with another person. However be forewarned that there are also potential anti-aphrodisiacs out there as well such as cherries and tofu.

Please check with your local grocer before investing in any uncertain foods and never cook anything while someone is in it. The last thing you need is to accidentally slip into cannibalism from a miscalculated sensual cooking experiment.

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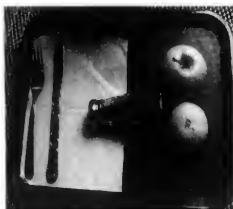


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## VP No Laughing Matter

I never thought I'd say this, but after yawning my way through last Friday's presidential debate: thank goodness for Sarah Palin.

With campaigns that started in 2006, the presidential race had begun to dwindle into predictability by August 2008. Gone with Hillary and Huckabee went the petty personal attacks, and the final two candidates resorted to discussing, dare I say it, the issues.

Then the Alaskan wind blew in Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, a tabloid-friendly gust of fundamentalist fresh air. Palin's nomination brought us all back to the heart of politics—teen pregnancy scandals and hacked e-mail accounts. The campaign became entertaining again.

The runner-up for Miss Alaska had been state governor for 18 months when she received the nomination, and has since made many appearances in US Weekly and on perezhilton.com. What was that argument from the McCain camp about Obama being "inexperienced" and a "celebrity figure?"

Palin is a caricature; the hair, the glasses, the moose-hunting, and most importantly, the accent.

Besides, naturally looking almost identical to Palin, Tina Fey has the rest of her work already done for her on "Saturday Night Live." Fey's impersonation of Palin involves little parody. Many of Palin's gestures and comments are hilarious enough without exaggeration.

Last week's episode of "SNL" opened with a sketch mocking Palin's heavily criticized interview with Katie Couric. Unlike the parody of the first presidential debate which appeared later in the episode, the Palin sketch contained

direct quotes from the actual CBS interview. The lackluster debate parody had much less content to draw from and resorted to absurd and cheesy humor.

It seems that John McCain is too honorable and Barack Obama is too ardent to be effectively mocked. Palin, on the other hand, with her pit-bull analogies, is fair game.

It was Palin's disastrous interview with Katie Couric that caused not only an "SNL" parody, but worry from liberal and conservative bloggers alike about her preparedness.

As I upload an e-mail with image of Palin in a bikini, I have begun to assess the likelihood of this hockey mom becoming Commander-in-Chief.

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albums "Modern Times," "Love and Theft" and "Time Out of Mind," "Tell Tale Signs" strays from the familiar hits of old but provides an essential collection of slick, seasoned material.

As a compilation of unreleased tracks, "Signs" is as heartfelt, thoughtful and raw as "No Direction Home," the famous soundtrack to Scorsese's documentary on the folk-poet in his prime. Though most might contest that earlier compilations from Dylan's career are more worthy of a listen—and those most would be right—the lesser-produced tracks from Dylan's latter years are more experienced and hardened, more tangled up in the blues.

Disc one's "Tell Of Bill" carries a murky, mischievous feel that even Tom Waits would envy, while "Dreamin' of You" leaves a catchy, light piano hook in the air that gives the album a smooth, jazzy feel that a younger, overzealous Dylan could never have played off so believably.

For insight into Dylan's recording process, the compilation throws two very different versions of the unreleased "Mississippi" onto the disc—fitting enough—the first version acoustic, the second electric. And with a bluesy twang that doesn't overpower the ear, the free-to-hear "Tell Tale Signs" is positively the perfect soundtrack for studying and squelching those subterranean midwestern blues.



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## Obama-Biden Rally: Top 5 Reasons it Sucked

By JOHN SHERIDAN  
Staff Writer

The days leading up to last Saturday were full of excitement and political fervor for some, anticipating the live presence of Senator Barack Obama on UMW's campus. I have a personal aversion to politics, politicians and people who get really worked up over politics and politicians.

It is by no means apathy; it is a fierce antipathy. However, even I was excited about the prospect of seeing and hearing Obama in the flesh. Turns out, it was not exciting, and may have in fact sucked. Maybe you can help me decide.

### 1. The rain.

I parked on some street a few blocks away from Sunken Road, and almost on cue as I got out of my car around 5 p.m., it begins to drizzle. Then it starts to pour, and before I even make it to campus I am completely soaked.

And it doesn't stop. "But this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," I tell myself, "It'll be so worth it."

### 2. The mud.

With a lot of rain and thousands of people mulling about hopelessly trying to find a place where you could actually see anything, campus was promptly desecrated.

Which I'm not against the idea of, but not while I'm in the middle of it. My shoes are ruined.

### 3. You couldn't see

If you weren't one of the first 5,000 to be let in the pignen in the center of Ball Circle, you were doomed to stand around in the mud and stare at the back of the Port-a-johns, strategically placed where they would obstruct the views of absolutely everyone.

### 4. Not even staying to hear Obama.

Because at that point, I was soaked to the bone and I'd stared at enough Port-a-john, thank you. I watched the debate the previous night, and I heard what I wanted to hear out of this man. So now my rationale is this: nothing he's going to say at the University of Mary Washington is going to be half as important, and it's all going to be scripted anyway.

If he gets elected, then I can't wait to hear everything he has to say. If he doesn't, then standing here in the rain will have been for a lost cause. Come to think if it, it was anyway. So I left!

### 5. I went to a bar instead.

All I had to do was crawl back into the warm, loving arms of my favorite local dive and I felt like a million bucks. Once I was slightly drier with frothy beverage in hand why I was even feeling good enough to talk about "politics." As for speeches from talking heads in the pouring rain, I'll leave those to the political junkies. May you never go clean.

Now that I've reviewed my experience, I think I've decided. It sucked. If the guy said anything monumental or unforgettable that I missed... keep it to yourself.

# Entertainment

## UMW Theater Performs William Finn's 'Elegies'

By LINDSAY GLOTZER  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Theater and Dance department opened their first production of the year with "Elegies, a song cycle" by William Finn. It is a 2-week long show from Sept. 25-Oct. 5, performed in the Klein Theater on College Avenue at Thornton Street.

William Finn is the original composer of this song cycle. The performance, which consists of only five characters, tells multiple stories through a series of songs that deal with tragic events involving William Finn's family and friends.

This cycle of songs was written in memoriam of loved ones who have passed and in response to the Sept. 11 tragedy. Most of the songs sung were in memory of Finn's friends, several of which have died of AIDS. Three of the songs specifically deal with the death of William Finn's mother, Barbara Finn, and the final set of songs expresses the emotional aftermath of the collapse of the World Trade Center.

"Elegies" director Greg Stull provided insight

into why he chose directing as his passion.

"Directing was a gradual transition for me from studying acting to eventually deciding that I enjoyed the act of telling the whole story instead of one character's piece of that story," Stull said. "I enjoy the collaboration with all of the artists that work to fulfill the promise of a text. I seek inspiration every day in the people I work with, the people I meet and the students I teach. Directing requires a synthesis of so many moments of every day life; I try to make the connections between what happens outside of the theatre with the stories we tell within it."

"Elegies" focuses on tragedy, but in light of it all, it has its joyous moments. Many songs are about memorable times with family and friends. Although his friends' deaths are tragic, Finn's motive in writing this song cycle was to always remember and pay his respects to them. Songs that have festive moments such as "My Dogs," show their happiness through humorous props with pictures of different dogs in the background. The song brought laughter and smiles to the audience when performed.

"These friends and colleagues of the com-

poser's who have died over the last two decades are resurrected in playful lyrics bursting with internal rhymes that remember them in all their quirky vitality," read one *New York Times* review.

Finn not only expressed tragedy and joy in this song cycle, but he celebrated life and what it has to offer.

However, the five characters in the performance showed deep emotion for the roles they were playing. They each stuck to their characters and put their main point across.

"I really enjoyed the performance and the singing was very good," said audience member and UMW sophomore Alicia Grolbert.

*elegies*

a song cycle

by William Finn

theatre dance

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

image courtesy of UMW Theater

## Assassins Invade Campus

By KASEY NABAL  
Staff Writer

Imagine walking into an unadorned office and being handed an envelope. The contents of the envelope are a mystery—except for the fact that you know they will tell you whom your next target will be. A new development is occurring on campus in the form of a massive interactive game called "Assassin."

The "Assassin" game allows for students to take on the persona of a special agent with the task to kill. After its recent inception, it quickly spread to high schools as well as universities. The "weapons" and rules of the game vary. In the Mary Wash adaptation of "Assassin," the weapon of choice is a plastic spoon and the rules of the game are as follows:

You must be a UMW student and a campus resident to participate. Only a plastic spoon may be used as a weapon. Your hand must be on the weapon when it is touching the victim's body (i.e. it may not be thrown).

Your target must not be in his or her dorm, an academic or administrative building, Seaco or the Nest at time of death.

Other than those few rules, UMW "agents" are allowed their own creativity, or lack thereof, in killing their targets. Basically, do what is necessary to take down your target. But remember that you are also a target, so be wary of others and your surroundings.

At the helm of the operation are sophomores Jennifer Namkoong and Andrew Kada, who both played the game at high school and in Andrew's dorm last year. Both decided that the game should be brought to UMW on a school-wide scale.

"[We] wanted to see some people running for

their lives," said Kada, "well, not literally."

A fun game of cat and mouse, the Assassin game should soon become a favorite of Mary

Washington students. Almost 250 people have already signed up. Namkoong assigned targets on Monday and sent out a Facebook message with gaming details for those who have joined the online group. Agents, your task is to be the last assassin standing



Kasey Nabal/Bullet

## The Spill Canvas Headline Rocktoberfest Benefit Concert



image courtesy of The Spill Canvas

By CHELSEA NEWNAM  
Staff Writer

"Time doesn't wait for anyone" sings The Spill Canvas, who will provide a free performance in Ball Circle this Friday at 4 p.m. This lyric doesn't ring any truer than for the friends and family of 20-year-old UMW student Chris Morawetz, who died last year of lymphoma.

UMW and Giant Productions are partnering with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in presenting Rocktoberfest 2008 this Friday as a benefit concert in Morawetz's memory. For every dollar donated, two will be matched by an outside party to raise money to help combat and promote research to find a cure for the disease that affects so many young lives.

The Spill Canvas, a four-man band from Sioux Falls, S.D. will headline the event. Their alternative sound has been compared to bands like Panic! at the Disco and Fall Out Boy.

Since their debut album in 2004, the band has progressively gained attention and publicity. They have been on tour with such major artists as Motion City Soundtrack, Mae and The Plain White T's and are set to begin a tour with One Republic at the end of the month.

"Personally, I am really excited for them to come," said Chrissie Woolsey, Senior Co-Chair of Giant Productions. "They have been my favorite band since tenth grade and I've seen them a couple of times live. [We] thought they'd be a good fit for campus, especially for an event like Rocktoberfest, and we're excited to see UMW's reaction."

Aside from her excitement over the band, Woolsey also encourages attendance in expressing her hope that the event will raise as much money as possible for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Rocktoberfest will also feature The Cab, who will open for The Spill Canvas. Allman's BBQ will cater the event.

## Campus Offers Cheap Entertainment

By KASEY NABAL  
Staff Writer

Who wants to stand in a long line at the cinema or deal with the baby crying two rows back? Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Cheap Seats Cinema puts on two movies in Ball Circle, Monroe or Dodd Auditorium. Cheap Seats is an entertainment organization that brings movies to campus that have yet to be released on DVD. They also have a television station on channel 27 as well as offices at OSACS.

As a cheap, local alternative to Central Park's Regal Cinemas, CSC is an amazing bonus to Mary Washington students.

They also offer prizes and theme nights. Encourage your friends to participate in movie nights—the more people who participate, the bigger and better the prizes will be. After all, that's what the \$1 fee to get in goes toward.

A quality assurance guarantee comes straight

from the CSC technicians who work hard to ensure proper acoustics and sound, as well as take care of the projector and screen.

Mike Kappert and Megan Whiteaker are both co-chairs of Cheap Seats Cinema. Their job is to meet once a month with the 50+ staff members of CSC, cover general operations and organize events. In the springtime they view movie trailers and take votes on which movies should make the fall lineup. They also go to each show over the summer to further fortify their assertions that their choice of lineup is good enough for the viewers, the student body.

"Mike [Kappert] is very good. I like him," said CSC sound technician Cari Kreidinger.

One of the great things about Cheap Seats is that those who do not have cars or the extra cash are able to have entertainment on campus that is really cheap.

"It's great to see new movies before they come out on DVD," explained UMW student Sarah McDermott.

The roommates attended "Sex & the City" two weeks ago on Ball Circle. They loved the laziness of lying on top of a blanket on the ground and watching a movie with a few friends.

"It's awesome to see a movie for just \$1," said freshman Mary Cait Nannery.

CSC must pay a fee ranging from \$100 to a whopping \$900 for each movie shown depending on how old or new the movie is. The money buys a license to show the film before it is released on DVD from a production company and is provided for CSC by the UMW Finance Committee. It would be illegal to show the movie with out proper licensing.

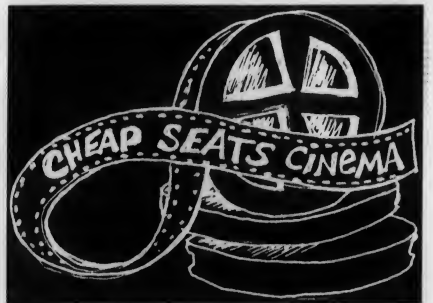


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This week's movies are " Hancock" and "WALL-E" in Monroe. Don't think about missing them. For more information on schedules and movie info visit the CSC website online at <http://students.umw.edu/~film> and don't forget to join the CSC student group on Facebook.



# Features

## Weeks in Morocco

By Andrea Nealon  
Staff Writer

Patches of sunlight peek between the awnings of an awakening Moroccan marketplace, illuminating tiny flecks of dust that stir with the hustle and bustle of the locals. A young woman with a light olive complexion peers from behind the fabric of her hijab at the beautiful displays of jewelry, clothing and pottery.

She chooses a handmade pair of dangling silver earrings and barters with the shopkeepers in such well-spoken Arabic that they do not even guess that she is an American college student.

University of Mary Washington senior Mikey Pride donned a hijab, the traditional head scarf worn by Muslim women, in order to maintain modest dress in the presence of unfamiliar men. As a foreigner in the Middle East, covering her face in public was one way in which she assimilated to traditions set forth by the Qur'an as a gesture of respect for Islamic culture.

Pride spent six weeks studying in Morocco as part of the anthropology department's Arabic study abroad programs this past summer.

Exploring the Medina Qadima, or the old city, was one of her favorite pastimes.

"I got to watch products being made by hand in the shops," Pride said. "The Medina Qadima itself looked like something out of 'Aladdin,' with donkeys and camels and people crowding the small, narrow streets of the city."

Her interest in Arabic culture is longstanding.

"My mom's parents are Syrian, so I was raised in a very Middle Eastern household," Pride said. "I fell in love



Courtesy of Yamez Colopy and Samantha Oliver

Left: Students in an UMW anthropology study abroad program ride camels. Right: Pride in a Moroccan school.

with the language, food, music and culture, and it has kept going from there."

Being an American in the Middle East, especially during wartime, Pride gained valuable insight into the Arab perspective on American culture.

She pointed out a common generalization that Middle Easterners make, which is that Americans are greedy and immoral.

On the other hand, Pride notes the stereotypes that some Americans make.

"I hear people say Arabs are ignorant, backwards terrorists," Pride said. When asked about the relations between the U.S. and the Middle East, the one word that came to mind was "misunderstanding."

"They don't understand our culture, and we certainly don't understand theirs," she said.

She enjoyed being an American in Morocco because she was able to dispel the stereotypes by simply being herself.

"Everyone wants to talk to you and ask you what your life is like," Pride said. "They like to see real Americans."

While in Morocco, she found that most people she encountered were very welcoming and family-oriented.

"People sit with each other in the living room and just talk. It's a very warm, comfortable atmosphere," she said.

When not utilized for social gathering, the living room is also used as a space for prayer.

While at the American Language Institute in Fès, Pride studied Arabic for six hours a day, and Moroccan Culture for two hours every other day



alongside students from Oxford, Harvard, Yale, Cambridge and Rutgers.

Pride was surprised to learn that many students from the other universities were Jewish.

"Because of the Arab-Israeli conflict there is a lot of stress on the relationship between the Jewish and Arab communities," said Pride. "It was cool

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## Fashion Finds UMW

By KAITLIN MAYHEW  
Assistant Features Editor

In her internship at Anne O'Dowd Fashion Agency in London, fashion guru Megan McDonough gained an appreciation for fashion as not only items of clothing but as art and cultural expression.

"While I was in Europe I noticed how fashion there is more experimental, and originality is encouraged and appreciated more so than in the U.S," McDonough said.

McDonough, a University of Mary Washington senior, recently created Fashion International, a fashion club on campus where students interested in fashion can convene and share ideas.

On returning to UMW, she found the campus bereft of opportunities for students interested in fashion and it's history and prominence.

"I just really missed fashion," McDonough said.

Fashion International currently meets on Monday nights in Monroe Hall. Topics for discussion at future meetings include the history of fashion, how it goes from the cutting table to the runway to the rack, cultural trends and gender studies, and the psychology of the consumer and buyer.

"We want to make it more of an intellectual group," McDonough said. "Not purely fluff and talking about trends we want to discuss people who actually studied and created them."

McDonough, along with the co-founder of Fashion International Mal-

iba Adams, are also planning a number related field trips to places such as NYC and Washington D.C. as well as a events.

"I think going to a fashion week, even if it's just the one in D.C. is a good idea," Adams said. "People don't realize the availability of these events."

They also plan to coordinate clothing drives for local women's shelters, organizing a charity fashion show, and hosting speakers.

"One thing that both the adviser and the two of us thought was important was to involve the community," Adams said.

McDonough and Adams hope that this club provides an outlet that previously didn't exist at UMW. Both the opportunity to learn about fashion in a cultural and international sense, and gain an appreciation for it as more than just clothing.

"Fashion seems to mean so very little, but it is actually quite important," Kevin McCluskey, potential faculty adviser to Fashion International and professor in the theatre department, said. "It's an opportunity to talk about fashion as more than just pretty dresses and project runway."

One thing the founders of the club want to express to members is the universality of fashion. They believe are so many more designers and interesting meaningful art and design that far exceed the mainstream brands.

"I went to Washington D.C. fashion week and I expected to be unim-

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Courtesy of Meg McDonough

London Fashion Week 2008.

## Thirsty for Obama Rally

By LAUREN ORSINI  
Staff Writer

My clothes are soaked through. I'm caked with mud up to my ankles. I'm standing so close to total strangers that when they shift position, I feel it.

"I'm going to puke," the girl next to me says. She's not alone; we're all dehydrated and thirsty. Surprisingly, I am describing a situation I put myself

in willingly, in the long line waiting to see Obama. Here's my record of what it was like to be in the crowd:

At noon, I began waiting in line beside my friends. The line snakes all the way to Trinkle's.

In just half an hour, the line doubled in length. The line goes all the way to the Bell-

tower. People have set up mini living rooms in line, sitting on blankets and



Courtesy of John Bowers

Orsini waits hours to attend the Obama rally last Saturday.

towels and lawn chairs, studying, knitting, and playing video games.

Around 2:30 p.m., volunteers are getting us into tighter lines to go through the metal detectors. All our

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Courtesy of Andrew Napier

Student Delaney Twining performs in a Studio 115 production.

## 115 Directs

By ERIN HOESLY  
Staff Writer

After reading the comic script *Schoolgirl Figure*, junior Siobhan Dannaher decided to step out of her traditional actress role and try her hand at directing.

*Schoolgirl Figure*, a play written by Wendy MacLeod, is the next play to go in Studio 115, UMW's only student-produced, black box theatre.

Known for its annual 24-hour play festival, Studio 115's fifteen students stage and organize numerous productions and events throughout the academic year.

As a first-time director, Dannaher helms the production of *Schoolgirl Figure*, a dark comedy about a high school obsessed with appearances and eating disorders.

This theme was one reason Dannaher chose to direct the play in the studio.

"I just thought it was a very dark comedy, something different than what we had done before in the studio. Since we have such a strong female presence on campus it speaks to a lot of issues females face," Dannaher said.

Studio 115 is open to many types of plays and themes, but Dannaher admits she did have some hesitation in proposing the show.

"It can be so offensive and reading the play is terribly offensive if you take it seriously," she said. "But it's a satire and it's not meant to be taken seriously."

Later in the semester, Studio 115 will produce *The Santaland Diaries* and *Season's Greetings*, two one-man

plays by humorist David Sedaris, and monologue *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* by Tom Mula.

Sophomore Taylor Williams will co-direct the productions.

Like Dannaher, Williams was drawn to the scripts he chose because of humor.

"We were looking for a holiday show and I felt that out of all the holiday shows I could have chosen, this one had the most bite to it, the most attitude of any I had seen. And I was very very interested in an alternative Christmas show. And *Santaland Diaries* and *Season's Greetings* provide this."

But the humor of script did bring certain reservations to Williams.

"My only worry was that the humor of the piece and the humanity of the piece wouldn't get across. [The show's about] a very average person but you can't lose sight of the fact that it's very funny but also very touching."

*Santaland Diaries* and *Season's Greetings* are Williams' directorial debut in the studio.

Williams is also concerned about bringing Sedaris' humor to the stage.

"[They are] very straight-faced. It's up to the audience to find the humor in it."

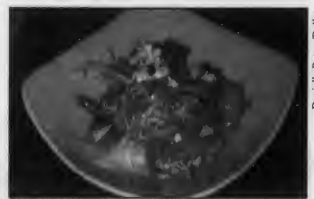
This non-traditional Christmas production will run Dec. 5-6.

*Schoolgirl Figure* runs Oct. 17-18 in Dupont Hall.

Tickets are available an hour before the show. Admission is free.



Courtesy of Studio 115



Danielle Peters/Bulletin

# Kybecca Wines, Dines in Style

*Downtown wine bar offers music, fine wines, local products and gourmet cuisine.*

By **DANIELLE PETERS**  
Staff Writer

Although Kybecca may sound like the name of a wine or a cool city, it is actually the hybridization of owners Kyle and Rebecca Snyder. In the years that they have been open, Rebecca Snyder's brother Matt Thomas has joined them as a third owner.

"My brother Matt joined us as a partner last year, so it's, like, all in the family," Snyder said.

The first thing I noticed as I entered the Kybecca Wine Bar and store was the beautiful organization of hundreds of wine bottles, the friendly staff, and the relaxed yet upbeat jazz music playing throughout the store.

While waiting for a table, an employee provided a tour of Kybecca's specialty store, offered assistance to any questions, then escorted my party and me to the wine bar inside to sample from its large selection of wines.

Served at the tables alone are three pages of wines, starting at \$18 for a bottle of red Kybecca Malbec from Argentina and going as high as \$170 per bottle of red Exile Colonial Estate 2002 from Australia.

They also offer a great selection of wines by the glass for as low as \$7 each. The most popular wine is their red Uvaggio Barbera.

Although Kybecca is mainly a wine bar, the establishment serves many types of beer by the glass.

According to Snyder, their most popular draft is the Eggenberg Pilsner, which she described as a crisp, light beer.

"I always like to say it tastes like Heineken, only fresher and better," Snyder joked.

I chose to try their rose wine of the J. Mourrot Collection from the Loire Valley in France (\$7/glass). It is the perfect wine for those looking for a milder red. The J. Mourrot is light and crisp, has a fruity aftertaste, and works well with most any course and flavor.

While the store itself has a relaxing atmosphere, the patio tables lining the store's front windows let customers

dine on Fredericksburg's historic William St. and enjoy the hustle and bustle of downtown air.

Opening May 22, the patio, complete with a cool mist for summer and infrared heaters for chilly nights, is a new edition to Kybecca. What originally started as a wine store in March 2005 is in the process of becoming a true wine bar. In about a month, an actual restaurant will open in the space

wine bar's main focus—its wines.

With such a small menu, I was surprised by the plentiful vegetarian op-

## Restaurant Review

tions. I started with the Goat Cheese Salad (\$8). With frisée lettuce and citrus vinaigrette, the goat cheese mixture wrapped in roasted red peppers

large, bitter olives bursting with the taste of different spices. The strong kick of an aftertaste made them an unquestionable favorite.

The menu also includes plates of cheeses and meats meant to accompany specific types of wines. The plates range in price from \$9 to \$14. My table chose the White Wine Cheese plate, which included four types of cheese, baguette and crackers,

Goat cheese and Everona Valley Camembert were the other two cheeses, both made locally in Virginia. Smith chose the Lobster salad with Fresh Mint and Lime (\$10). Served on a bed of greens with a house goat cheese, Snyder said this was Kybecca's most popular dish.

Smith felt the truffled cheese "overshadowed everything else in the salad."

"The lobster was delicious and surprisingly filling," he said.

Kybecca's "Sweets" was the night's final course. The selections include many pastry and pound cake-type desserts, most of which suggest a suitable wine accompaniment. Although I found the Pound Cake Panino with Nutella and Fresh Strawberries (\$5) a little bland, it was a very light dessert that fit perfectly with my final sips of wine.

A future addition to this Fredericksburg wine bar will be Enomatics, a new way for people, especially wine novices, to try many wines. These large dispensers are custom-made in Italy and keep wine fresh for more than a month.

Snyder is very excited with the upcoming equipment.

"It's a fun interactive way to experience wine, and it also lets us put bottles in there we might not otherwise do by the glass because they might be pricier options or rarer options," she said.

Especially at sunset, Kybecca's wine bar and patio has a calm and relaxing environment that is a perfect atmosphere to enjoy with someone special or to relax with friends.

The store samples wines on Fridays from 4 p.m. to close and Saturday from noon to close. On Friday, they also have a beer sampling from noon to 2 p.m.



Brittany DeVries/Bulletin

Kybecca Wine Bar and Shop prepares for the cooler months with a new outdoor heat system.

beside the shop, and the menu will house over 32 wines by the glass, as well as an expansive selection of foods.

With the plans for a full wine bar still in the making, the current kitchen is a small working area in the basement of the store, so the current menu's selections are limited.

Still, there is something for everyone. Each menu item complements the

made me want another bowl. The soft texture melted in the mouth, and the accompanying toasted bread on the edge was not only a pretty garnish but also brought out the salad's flavors.

I accompanied my salad with the House Pincholine and Catalan Olives (\$6). The small, light green pincholine olives had a distinct citrus taste from the orange juice marinade but were otherwise mild. The Catalans were

and a quince paste (\$12). The quince is a fruit paste that offsets many cheeses' bitter flavors. The five-spoke tumbleweed grass-fed cheddar was delicious.

My dining partner, junior John Smith, enjoyed the Brie and quince paste.

"It made a good texture in your mouth and nothing was overpowering anything else," Smith said.

## Kybecca Wine Bar

Hours: 5-9:30 p.m., T-Th  
3-10:30 p.m., Sat-Sun

Phone: (540) 373-3338

## Yes, We Can

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backpacks and towels have to go, and no water bottles. I toss the two I brought for the wait.

At 3:44 p.m., a guy beside me just got there. His brother had saved a spot for him, he said. Rubbing my sore legs, I wish I had gotten the same idea as he had.

Volunteers occasionally toss water into the crowd around 4:30 p.m. Some people pass out, and the campus police ride up on bicycle to pick them up.

Right at 5:15 p.m., when Obama and Biden should speak any minute, we suddenly hear thunder. A murmur goes through the crowd. It seems like the program is going to be delayed.

After about an hour, the storm is over and the program begins. We're all soaking wet and muddy as we begin with a prayer and the pledge.

By quarter to 7 p.m., the tech crew is still setting up Obama's podium. People in the crowd are getting more belligerent, and our chants for Obama

grow louder and stronger. Some people jokingly declare that they are voting for McCain. Our legs hurt. We are soaked. We want Obama.

Obama and Biden finally appear to applause louder than the earlier thunder. It is 7:04 p.m. Suddenly the whole wait, the seven hours, is worth it.

It's 7:22 p.m., and Obama is now speaking. He jokes about the rain, which drizzles, comparing it to our stormy economic situation. Everyone laughs. We hold up our hands and applaud.

A few minutes into the speech, it begins to rain hard. Obama takes off his jacket and soon becomes soaked through his shirt, just like the rest of us.

The speech is over too soon at 8 p.m., and now it's a mad rush to get out of the same place we wanted to get into so badly.

As I jump, muddy and freezing, into the shower, it's not the countless hours of waiting that stick with me, but the thirty minutes that Obama spoke that I won't soon forget.

## This Week in Town

Elliot Currie Live: 8-11 p.m. @ Kenmore Inn, Princess Anne St. (540) 371-7622

Bands at the Loft  
Hot Lava, You Were Never a Locomotive, Thursday Oct. 3, 8 p.m. (540) 654-5855

Metal Show at Central Station  
Friday, Oct. 4, 9 p.m. (540) 371-0300

## UMW in Vogue

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pressed," McDonough said. "But there were designers from Mongolia and Kazakhstan and the looks were so unique and foreign to me, I didn't even know how to dress the models."

McDonough believes that the US as a whole is more concerned with conformity than innovation when it comes to getting dressed. And, that brand-names play a huge role in buyer psychology.

Adams commented on the difference in quality between high-end clothing and mass-produced items from factories.

But fashion has an impact even on much smaller levels such as that of UMW. There is no real fashion program, or major available, but with a location that makes accessibility to Washington D.C. easy, and is just a train ride from NYC the interest factor is there. So far, McDonough estimates there are about 20 people interested in



Courtesy of Meg McDonough

McDonough met fashion's Siman Doonan at Barney's, a high-end designer store in New York City.

joining Fashion International.

"If you're going to experiment with fashion, college is the time to do it," junior Emma Peck said. "I am also interested in how designers decide on trends every season."



Courtesy of Brad Fisher

Left to right: Samantha Oliver, Sierra Stoney, Chelsea Devening, and Mikey Pride wearing traditional hijabs.

## Excursion in Morocco

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to see a dialogue of mutual friendship develop between some of the Moroccan students and the Jewish students."

On the weekends, Pride and the other students visited ancient Roman ruins, learned how to cook Moroccan food, and even rode camels into the Sahara Desert.

One weekend excursion to the Sahara Desert turned out to be more than Pride bargained for. While waiting for a sandstorm to pass, the guides lined up the

camels and their riders into several caravans. Pride recalled hearing a strange sort of gurgling, shrieking noise coming from behind her.

"I thought one of the camels was either dying or giving birth, I couldn't tell," she said. "Turns out, the last camel in line was drinking the urine of the camel in front."

Now back in the states, Pride has resumed her routine of classes, work at a Fredericksburg Starbucks, and practice for the UMW swim team.

Starting in January, Pride will begin

working as an intern at the Moroccan-American Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

"The first four months it is a paid internship, and if things go well, I'm almost guaranteed a job," Pride said.

She will be attending events concerning U.S. and Middle East affairs and translating documents from Arabic to English.

"Morocco was kind of an accident," Pride said. "The only program offered for Arabic was to Morocco, so I went. And I'm really glad I did."

# News

## Pres Nominee Visits Campus

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Biden also linked McCain's policies to those of the current Bush administration.

"He embraces and continues to defend George Bush's failed philosophy of the past eight years," Biden said, eliciting a strong response from the crowd.

Obama spoke critically of McCain, who he said was partly responsible, along with Bush and other Republicans, for the current financial crisis, because of McCain and the Republicans' past support for deregulation of the nation's financial institutions. Both candidates have supported a \$700 billion bailout plan for some of those now-troubled financial institutions. Members of Congress voted down the plan in the House on Monday, and the same day the stock market fell 780 points.

"They said they wanted to let the market run free, but what they did instead was let it run wild," Obama said.

He emphasized the need to institute a bipartisan oversight board that would hold Wall Street accountable and restore transparency and trust in the financial market.

He also attacked McCain on his plan to institute a \$300 billion tax cut for corporations. Instead, using one of his signature lines, he promised not to raise taxes on yearly incomes less than \$250,000.

"We need to stop giving those tax breaks to wealthy corporations and CEOs on Wall Street and start giving them to families on Main Street."

Both Obama and Biden said that for the average American, the stock market plunge was not the beginning of financial troubles. Biden cited record unemployment, mortgage foreclosures and deficits for the working-class, while Obama men-

tioned decreases in wages and home values.

"Your paycheck doesn't go as far as it used to. It has never been harder to save, it has never been harder to retire and it has never been harder to buy groceries or gasoline. If you put it on a credit card—well, they've probably raised your rates," Obama said.

The speech resonated with the crowd, which punctuated Obama's words with loud cheers.

"I have never seen such a dedicated crowd," said junior Natalie Weiner, president of the UMW Young Democrats. "Through the heat and the rain, we had 26,000 people there just to get a chance to hear the Senator speak."

"The crowd was exhausted by the time he finally went up to the podium, but it was really responsive," junior Anna Snyder said. "He has an incredible speaking voice and really spoke to the crowd about the misplaced priorities

of the current administration and how the middle and working class have gone unheard and unnoticed. It was a great speech overall."

Weiner, who is also deputy state director for Virginia Students for Barack Obama, said the rally showed the dedication of Obama's supporters. More than 100 UMW students volunteered at the rally, as well as Young Democrats from James Madison University and Christopher Newport University, she said.

"These events take a lot of effort at a grassroots level, which is how Senator Obama runs his campaign," she said. "It was also great to see the entire Mary Washington community come together."

She commented on the senators' ability to take a tough stance without becoming negative.

"They were able to point out the countless times Sen. McCain has been

wrong while remaining positive about Sen. Obama's platform," she said. "They have great chemistry together."

Naisha Wilson, a resident of Stafford, praised Obama's speech for its emphasis on the working class.

"Obama is always right on top of the economic advice that we need to hear as middle-class citizens," she said. "He just knows us because he came from us. I know he will try to do everything he can to change Washington."

As the rain continued, Obama concluded his speech with an encouraging and appropriate metaphor.

"The storm hasn't quite passed yet," he said. "Sometimes the skies look cloudy and it's dark and you think the rains will never pass. But as long as we are all committed, then there's nothing we can't do."

## T-Shirt Sale Banned at UMW

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"Presumably there could have been a better way to commemorate the event," Cooperman said. "But universities should be locuses of political activity."

Executive Vice President Rick Hurley said that he viewed the shirts as celebratory in nature.

"We would never take sides in a political issue and I'm sorry if people saw it that way," Hurley said.

The original aim, according to Bookstore employee Odelle Hackett, was simply to commem-

orate the Democratic Presidential candidate visiting UMW.

The UMW logo on the shirts, and the fact that they were sold at the Bookstore, set off alarms for many students and faculty, including former UMW College Republican chair Rebekah Blackwell.

"When I first heard the bookstore was selling the Obama/Biden t-shirts, I was both upset and appalled," Blackwell said. "It was an ignorant decision to approve the production and sale of these t-shirts."

Samantha Miller, member of the College Republicans at UMW

said that she would have no problem with an Obama rally shirt if it was produced and sold by the Young Democrats Club. The problem for her was that the campus bookstore was involved.

Blackwell agreed. "The University is already known for having a liberal political bias, and it's good to know that someone will step in when they go too far," she said.

However, not all students condemned the shirts.

Audrey Johnson, a recent UMW graduate and former member of College Republicans, said that she had no problem with the

shirts being sold as long as the university would do the same for McCain and Palin if they were to come to UMW.

Members of the Young Democrats at UMW were dismayed by the decision to halt sales.

"The shirts were merely displaying the fact that in 2008 a major event happened on campus which put this small university in the spotlight," said Matthew Guckenburg, treasurer of the Young Democrats. "I think it's unfair to the Mary Washington community to deny them the right to buy a shirt representing this fact."



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Senior Courtney Hayes bought one of the shirts.

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## MW Selectivity Drops

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competitors.

Virginia Tech and George Mason University are both in the top five among schools many students accepted by UMW are opting to attend instead. Tech has had a successful athletic program to impress applicants for years. GMU became a hit in 2006 when its basketball team made the Final Four.

CNU, which only became a four-year institution in 1971, recently completed a \$400 million building campaign. The CNU website describes its brand-new residence hall, center for the arts, athletics facility and library.

"The economy itself is playing a role in college choices and what families are willing or able to do," Wilder said. "We're competing with a lot of schools that are offering students a lot of scholarships."

Admissions is aware of those areas where students feel UMW falls short of expectations. At the chairs meeting in August, Admissions discussed data from the 2007 Admitted Students Questionnaire and outlined suggestions to combat the deficiencies at UMW.

The renovations on Seaboard Hall and Lee Hall are two changes UMW officials are pointing to as evidence of their attempts to improve the

school's image and stay in competition against other Virginia schools.

Freshmen during the last two years have gotten a much sweeter deal during orientation than their predecessors. UMW has started offering rafting trips, tours of Fredericksburg, and even trips to Paramount's King's Dominion at the end of orientation week.

Admissions is also encouraging on-campus programs to attract potential students to the school. "We feel if we can get the students here, [the campus] has a lot of power to attract students," Wilder said.

The Admissions office hopes faculty can help the University get its story out by explaining their programs and what makes them distinct, advertising their accomplishments and available student opportunities, and informing potential applicants about the successes of their alumni.

"It's not just an admissions issue," Wilder said, emphasizing that the whole school needs to be involved in promoting UMW.

UMW is stepping up its efforts just in time. At their July 17 meeting, the Board of Visitors discussed the dwindling number of prospective students in the future. By the 2014-2015 school year, researchers project 21 percent fewer high school graduates from states like Vermont, Pennsylvania and New York, from which UMW mainly draws



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# Sports



## Fight For Series Glory...Is On

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race. Champagne bottles popped and flags flew as the team huddled together in the clubhouse and watched Mets leftfielder Ryan Church fly out to Cameron Maybin in centerfield to end the game. To wrap up the regular season Brewers lefty C.C. Sabathia started three games in the final seven games of the season, including a complete game on Sunday afternoon.

Now comes the sad part. The Brewers gave it all they had, honestly. But unless C.C. can pitch all five games, the Brewers aren't making it out of the division series. I would have said they were among the favorites coming in to the playoffs on fire, but after Ben Sheets went down with a broken arm, so did the Brewers hopes of winning the playoffs.

The Brewers also go into the series with no proven closer, even after giving Eric Gagne \$10 million in the offseason. Salomon Torres has tried to pick up the slack but is inconsistent and has an ERA of 12.46 since September 8. Not to mention Yovani Gallardo, the game one starter has only made one start in the last five months.

The Phillies have one of the best all-around team in baseball this year, including arguably the best closer this year. With a line-up of Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, and Ryan Howard, the Phillies are going to be a force during the playoffs. With Cole Hamels and Brett Myers taking the hill in games one and two respectively, they overshadow who could be the key to the Phils' postseason: Jamie Moyer. Moyer quietly had one of

his best years, at age 45.

Moyer compiled a 16-7 record with a terrific 3.71 ERA and he barely throws over 81 miles per hour. As long as these guys go at least six innings, J.C. Romero and Brad Lidge will shutdown any one in their paths. In case you're unfamiliar with Lidge, he was the National League Comeback Player of the Year after converting all 41 of his save opportunities this year with an ERA under 2.00. Phillies take it in four after C.C. shuts it down in game two.

Am I the only person that thinks the Chicago Cubs intentionally waited exactly 100 years to have an amazing team just so that it would be really dramatic when they won the World Series? Yea, probably.

This series has the potential to get very interesting. Like the Rockies last year, the Los Angeles Dodgers come in to the playoffs HOT. The Dodgers have been moving down oppo-

nents, thanks to Manny Ramirez'.396 batting average and 17 home runs since switching coasts. I don't think that the Dodgers will actually pull off the upset simply because the Cubs this year are just too good. Ryan Dempster refuses to lose at home, the "Big Z" Carlos Zambrano is fairly fresh off his no-hitter and Rich Harden, when healthy, is a top five pitcher in the Major Leagues.

So from the American League we have the Angels and the Rays representin' and from the National League the Cubs and the Phillies will be set to do battle. Tune in next week to see how the predictions turned out and for Championship Series predictions.

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The Chicago Cubs won back-to-back year in 1907(pictured) and 1908. However, the Cubs have not been able to get another Championship in 100 years.



Freshman Brandy Simpson goes up for a header against a Guilford player. The Eagles won the game 2-1.

## Eagles Earn Rain Soaked Win, 2-1

By NICK NELSON  
Staff Writer

Despite some wild weather and an upstart opponent causing havoc early in the game, the Mary Washington women's soccer team pulled out a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Guilford College on Sunday.

The thrilling, rain-soaked match-up highlighted the play of two of the newest additions to the Eagle's team as well as the lightning reflexes of the goalkeeper.

Both squads were able to exhibit a youth movement as UMW had 12 freshmen on roster and Guilford with 13.

The weather turned from sunny and hot to rainy and dark in a hurry, forcing many fans to run for cover or dash to their cars for umbrellas. However the competitive fire emanating from players on both sides of the ball never wavered.

Guilford scored the only goal of the first half, off of sophomore Ellie Taylor's strike in the 26th minute. The 1-0 mark would hold heading into halftime.

According to Head Coach Corey Hewson, the rain was not the Eagles' biggest problem of the day.

"I think really we just needed to stay focused. Our biggest issue coming into today's game was consistency. We play a real Jekyll and Hyde game of soccer. Sometimes we're really on, other times we tend to struggle," Hewson said. "The first half really forced us to change our rhythm. We made some bad choices and we panicked. We just had to come back out in the second half and stay simple."

The Eagle's took to the soggy field under threatening skies and consistent showers in the second half of play poised, focused, and ready to

strike. Freshman Brandy Sampson scored the equalizing goal in the 58th minute, the product of a deflection off Guilford keeper Amber Stapler's initial save on the previous shot on goal.

Defense reigned supreme for much of the remainder, until freshman Nicole Dierkes scored UMW's winning goal off another deflection, this time the product of freshman Bridget Dooley's blocked shot to make the score 2-1.

As Hewson explained, the players really gave it everything that they had during the entire game.

"They were not giving up at all. Once [they] took advantage, they wouldn't let it slip. We just had to hold onto our consistency. We needed time to get into a rhythm," he said.

The star of Sunday's game, Dierkes, agreed.

"We just really wanted it today. We have a whiteboard on the wall in the locker room with each of our individual goals, and we just tried to come out and work on that as a team," she said.

Coming off the previous day's loss to Eastern, Hewson was eager to get the girls back into the right mindset.

"I just told them to go out there, play soccer, and have fun. It's easy to get tense, but you have to rediscover the fun."

"We kind of tended to rush and just play kick-ball in the first half, but we really played a lot more focused in the second half," Dierkes said.

Mary Washington was evenly matched with Guilford in goal, with UMW netting four saves to Guilford's five.

Their next game will be this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Battlegrounds against conference rival Salisbury University. With the win, Mary Washington moves to 5-3-2 overall, with a 3-1 conference record. (Results do not include Wednesday's game)

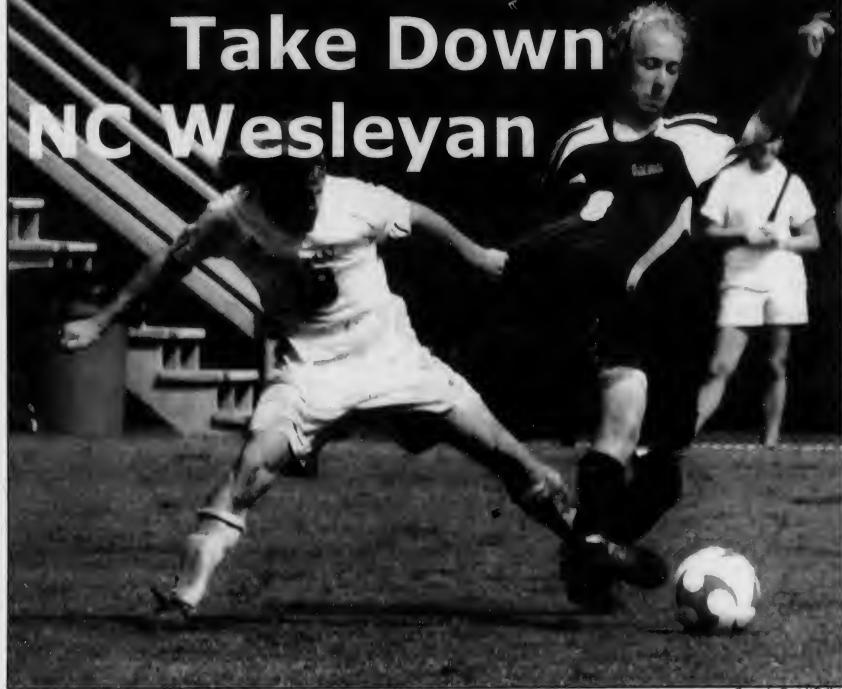
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# Sports

## Mary Wash Eagles Take Down NC Wesleyan



Junior midfielder Matt Lawrey does whatever it takes to get to the ball in Saturday's match against North Carolina Wesleyan. The Eagles came out on top with a 1-0 victory to increase their record to 7-2-1, 3-0 in conference games.

By ANDREW KADA  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team faced off with North Carolina Wesleyan College at the Battleground Athletic Complex. If you didn't know that, you weren't as smart as Sen. Joe Biden.

Said Biden, "It looks like we got the leftover crowd from the soccer game."

Biden later explained that the Eagles had won the game.

With a No. 8 ranking in the south region, the men's team was able to upset the No. 4 ranked team, NC Wesleyan with a 1-0 win.

With showers across the Fredericksburg area Friday and into the night, the soccer grounds were wet and tender creating a potential problem of difficult conditions.

"Looking back, the soft ground should have given NC Wesleyan an advantage due to their

greater athleticism," said senior goalkeeper Emmett Rutkowski. "However, we proved that was something we could in fact handle."

"We have gotten some very positive results," said head coach Roy Gordon. "Given the very, very difficult early season schedule, the 7-2-1 record we now have is excellent."

Having been defeated by NC Wesleyan 4-0 last year, the Eagle men were thirsty for a rematch for bragging rights. Strategic preparations were formulated for the specific style of play that Gordon knew that his team would be up against on Saturday.

"We added an extra full time defender to counter their three full time forwards. We played low pressure [offense] allowing them to keep possession in their defensive end," Gordon said. "This allows us to stay compact as a team. From this shape, we needed to counterattack and try to score against a disorganized and spread out defense. I think this is probably where the goal came from"

In the first half of Saturday's game no goals were scored. However, the Eagles were out done on shots on goal. The NC Wesleyan Bishops made eight shots on UMW's net while the Eagle men's tough effort only garnered one.

Despite the standing stalemate, the second half of the game saw the best action with 10 shots by NC Wesleyan and four by UMW, one of which that secured the game win for the Eagles.

Sophomore midfielder Preston Hirsten single-handedly made his way past two Bishop defenders right before launching a fierce ball around the keeper.

Rutkowski was proud of Hirsten's performance.

"Preston had the composure to work up and put it past their keeper. It was a great individual effort," Rutkowski said.

For the remainder of the half, 41 minutes, the Eagle men tediously managed to fend off further attempts by NC Wesleyan. Rutkowski had a spectacular showing of saves and deflections protect-

ing the UMW lead. When asked about Rutkowski's performance, Gordon only had two words, "Absolutely terrific."

Going ahead from the weekend, the Eagle men are confident and victorious.

"We have a lot of momentum right now. We're undefeated at home," Hirsten said.

However, the men's team must remain wary as they have yet to encounter two great conference competitors in York College of Pa. and Salisbury University.

The men's soccer team is scheduled to compete against York away on Oct. 18 and against Salisbury on Oct. 25 here in Fredericksburg for UMW's homecoming weekend.

With the ultimate team goal being the capture of the CAC Conference Title, Gordon is not letting any of the season wins thus far allow any early celebration.

"We absolutely cannot lose to a team we should defeat and we have to get results versus Salisbury and York."

## Team of the Week

The Men's Soccer Team increased their record to 7-2-1 this past weekend in a hard fought battle against North Carolina Wesleyan

## Athlete of the Week



Senior Becky Morse-Karzen and sophomore Megan Lawlor (pictured) made it to the ITA Regional Tennis finals

## Third? Try 100th Time Is The Charm

By JOEY MERKEL  
Sports Editor

Don't get too involved in football yet, because postseason baseball is just kicking off. After 162 games, 163 for the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins, the playoffs are finally set and it literally came down to the last game. So much in fact that there had to be an extra last game.

In a stunning pitcher's duel on Tuesday night, the White Sox were able to claim first place in the American League Central Division and secure their spot in the playoffs.

The one-game playoff for the playoffs was played on account of a regular season tie after Monday's White Sox-Tigers make-up game. Because of the White Sox win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday night, the make-up game had to be played as the Sox were just a half game back but had played one less.

Now that the playoffs are set, we can start to look at the teams that actually matter, sorry, I don't think that's going to include the White Sox. But don't feel bad, fans, it wouldn't have included the Twins either.

In the Tampa Bay Rays-Chicago White Sox series (that's right, I said Tampa Bay Rays), I see the Rays winning in four but a sweep is entirely possible. The Rays have the best rotation in the any of the American League playoff series, and in the end pitching is what counts.

Tampa's big three of Scott Kazmir, James Shields and Matt Garza have been more than solid all year and look to continue their great seasons with their first ever playoff appearances. Don't forget about 2007 first-round, first-overall pick David Price who is lurking in the bullpen.

The Boston Red Sox-Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim series should be one of the best series during the playoffs including the World Series. Both teams have clutch hitting, hot starters and dependable bullpens. If this series doesn't go five games, it will be disappointing.

After game five is over, I predict it will be the Halos that are celebrating on the field after the game, not the Red Sox.

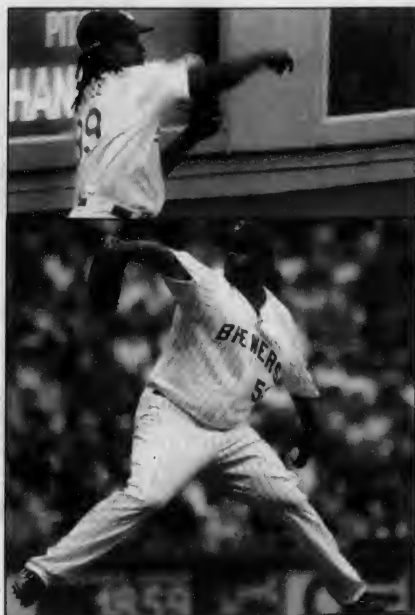
Since coming to the Halos, Mark Teixeira is hitting a smoldering .358 and has an on-base percentage of .449. It doesn't hurt that Vladimir Guerrero is hitting in front of him. Unless Josh Beckett can come back and pitch game two or game three, I see the Red Sox going home early this year.

It was an exciting finish at Miller Park on Sunday. After the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs, they remained a

head of the New York Mets in National League Wild Card

“The Phils are going to be a force in the playoffs”

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Manny Ramirez (top) and C.C. Sabathia (bottom) single handedly took their respective teams to the playoffs after mid-season trades